



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held November 18, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“Representative Rick Renzi (R-Arizona) has introduced H.R. 3365 titled ‘The Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act of 2003.’ This legislation passed the House of Representatives on October 29, 2003, on a lopsided bipartisan vote of 413-0. H.R. 3365 seeks to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income. The bill honors Veterans and their families by acknowledging sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces, especially in the case of sacrifices through loss of life, and are worthy of meaningful expressions of gratitude from the United States government.

“The military death gratuity payment is tax exempt in order to assist families of fallen patriots to continue the quality of life during their greatest time of need. The death gratuity has been increased from \$6,000.00 up to \$12,000.00 and shall apply to deaths that occurred on or after September 11, 2001.

“I therefore recommend that the Board go on record in support of H.R. 3365 (Renzi) ‘The Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act of 2003,’ legislation which increases the death gratuity from \$6,000.00 up to \$12,000.00, payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and shall apply to deaths that occurred on or after September 11, 2001, and excludes such gratuity from gross income; and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter to President Bush and Senators Feinstein and Boxer urging that they take quick action of support and seek early enactment of this important legislation.”

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Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

Supervisor Knabe made a statement that H.R. 3365 had been passed and signed by President Bush.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of H.R. 3365 (Renzi) "The Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act of 2003," legislation which increases the death gratuity from \$6,000.00 up to \$12,000.00, payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and shall apply to deaths that occurred on or after September 11, 2001, and excludes such gratuity from gross income; and
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter to President Bush and Senators Feinstein and Boxer thanking them for their support and quick action to enact H.R. 3365.

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